



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

Faith, Hope, and Remembrance

Decoration Guidelines

November 1st through March 15th

- Winter wreaths and other artificial decorations are permitted during this time. All decorations, including wooden crosses, should not exceed 36" in height.
- Decorations with spikes or stakes are prohibited and will be removed immediately.
- During the winter months, live or artificial wreaths may be ordered through the cemeteries.
- We cannot be responsible for damage caused to bouquet holders due to use during the cold winter months.

March 16th through October 31st

- Only fresh flowers in proper bouquet holders are permitted during this time.
- Wilted flowers are removed every Tuesday. This allows us to have three days to cut the grass with the least amount of obstacles. Fresh flowers are not removed unless absolutely necessary.
- Artificial decorations are not permitted during the cutting season, with the exception of the special holidays listed below. If found, artificial decorations will be immediately removed by cemetery staff. Artificial decorations placed for a holiday will be collected the Tuesday following the holiday.

WINTER DECORATIONS NOV 1, 2020 – MARCH 15, 2021.

FAMILY PICK UP MARCH 15

CEMETERY STAFF CLEAN UP MARCH 16, INCLUDING CROSSES

2021 Holiday Decoration Schedule

Holiday	Easter Sunday April 4	Mother's Day Sunday, May 9	Memorial Day Monday, May 31	Father's Day Sunday, June 20
Start Date	March 28 th	May 6 th	May 27 th	June 17 th
Family Pick Up Date	April 12 th	May 17 th	June 7 th	June 28 th
Cemetery Staff Clean Up*	April 13 th	May 18 th	June 8 th	June 29 th

*Cemetery staff clean up dates may vary due to weather conditions.

Burials: Floral pieces are left on the grave for 48 hours after a burial. The flowers are wilted by this time and it becomes a nest for animals if left any longer. There is no regulation governing the number of floral decorations brought to the cemetery at the time of interment.

Entombments: Three floral pieces permitted outside of the building. Bouquets will be removed and discarded at the end of each work day.

Please make sure to label your decoration(s) with the deceased name and location.

We hope you can understand our position in establishing these guidelines. They are not of our personal choice but an absolute necessity in maintaining safe working conditions and the overall beauty of our Catholic Cemeteries.

For more information please refer to our Rules & Regulations found at www.clecem.org.